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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF
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The Honorable Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Casey:

Thank you for your March 9, 2020, letter to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler regarding the Allegheny County Health Department's application for a Targeted Airshed Grant under the 2020 Targeted Airshed Grant program request for Applications (RFA). The Administrator asked that I respond on his behalf.

The Targeted Airshed Grant program assists local, state, and tribal air pollution control agencies in developing plans, conducting demonstrations, and implementing projects to reduce air pollution in nonattainment areas that the EPA determines are the top five most polluted areas relative to ozone (O₃), annual average fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), or the 24-hour PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The overall goal of the Targeted Airshed Grant program is to reduce air pollution in the nation's areas with the highest levels of ozone and PM_{2.5} ambient air concentrations, as authorized by the FY 2019 and FY 2020 Appropriation Acts.

The Agency will be evaluating all eligible proposals received by the April 10, 2020, deadline in a competitive process based on the evaluation criteria specified in the Targeted Airshed Grant program RFA. Once EPA completes its review, negotiates workplans, and finalizes awards, EPA will notify recipients and post information at <https://www.epa.gov/air-and-radiation/targeted-airshed-grant-recipients>. The total funding for this competitive opportunity is approximately \$105 million. EPA anticipates awarding approximately 8 to 15 assistance agreements from this announcement, subject to availability of funds, the quality of applications received, and other applicable considerations.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have additional questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Karen Thundiyl in EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at thundiyl.karen@epa.gov or at (202) 564-1142.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne L. Idsal", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Anne L. Idsal
Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator